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Amendments to the Drawings

None

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Remarks

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Written Office Action. In particular, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the references cited.

With regard to the substantive portion of the Written Office Action, Claims 1-25 are pending. Claims 1-24 were rejected and Claim 25 was objected to.

In particular, Claim 25 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

More, Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schulze Jr. Further, Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Daniels.

Claims 2,5,19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daniels. Claims 7-18 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daniels in view of Nissen. Claims 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daniels in view of Sadow et al..

Claims 1-18 were rejected under obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,648,779 in view of Shulze Jr. Claims 19-21 were rejected under obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,648,779 in view of Daniels and Nissen. Claims 22-24 were rejected under obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,648,779 in view of Daniels in view of Sadow et al..

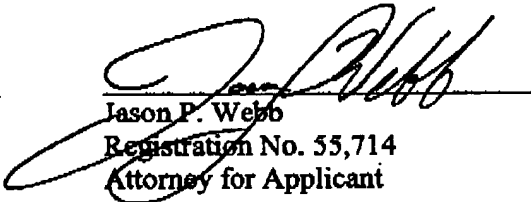
In response to the Written Office Action, Claims 1-24 are canceled, Claim 25 is amended, and Claims 26 – 49 are new. In particular, Claim 25 is amended to be rewritten

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in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Also, it is believed that New Claims 26-49 find support in the Detailed Description and the Figures.

For these reasons, it is believed that none of the prior art teaches the claimed invention. Furthermore, it is believed that the foregoing amendment has adequate support in the specification, and accordingly there should be no new matter. Applicant believes the pending claims have addressed each of the issues pointed out by the Examiner in the Office Action. In light of the foregoing amendment, the claims should be in a condition for allowance. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the proposed changes, Applicant again invites the Examiner to do so by telephone conference.

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